

**Minutes of the City of Frederick
Mayor and Board of Aldermen Regular Meeting**

October 15, 2020

7:00 p.m.

Virtual Meeting

- I. Mayor Michael O'Connor presided. Participating were Aldermen Kelly Russell, Derek Shackelford, Roger Wilson and Ben MacShane and Alderwoman Donna Kuzemchak. Also participating were City Attorney Sandra Nickols and Legislative Clerk Phyllis Hane.
- II. The Mayor led the Pledge of Allegiance.
- III. There was no invocation.
- IV. The Mayor made a presentation proclaiming the week of October 19, 2020 through October 23, 2020 Economic Development Week in the City of Frederick. The proclamation was accepted by Richard Griffin, Director of Economic Development.
- V. The minutes of the September 17, 2020 Virtual Public Meeting were previously distributed. On a motion made by Alderman Wilson and seconded by Alderwoman Kuzemchak the Board voted 4-0-1, with Alderman MacShane abstained, to approve the minutes.
- VI. There were no closed meetings to report.
- VII. Mayor O'Connor wished a belated happy 85th birthday to former Alderman Bill Hall.
- VIII. During Aldermanic comments, Aldermen Shackelford and Wilson echoed Mayor O'Connor's birthday wishes to former Alderman Hall.

Alderman Russell also wished Mr. Hall a happy birthday. She went on to note the upcoming anniversary of the October 23, 2008 death of Frederick Police Officer Mark Brehmer, who was killed in the line of duty. She asked that everyone take a moment on that day to honor his service.

Alderwoman Kuzemchak joined in the birthday wishes. She reflected that she had been an elected official at the time of Officer Brehmer's death and noted it is important at times to simply say thank you. She expressed her appreciation for all who do jobs that put them at risk.

- IX. There were no public comments.
- X. Consent Agenda

A. Release of Sureties

On a motion made by Alderwoman Kuzemchak and seconded by Alderman MacShane the Board approved 5-0 consent agenda item A.1:

1. Approval to release Woodsboro Bank LOC in the amount of \$20,116.38 posted by Mark Lancaster Properties, LLC, to guarantee public improvements to 126 S. Carroll Street, Lot 2A (aka 107 E. South Street), further described in PWA dated 11/25/19.

XI. Public Hearing

1. On a motion made by Alderman MacShane and seconded by Alderman Shackelford the Board approved 5-0 a contract with HMF Paving Contractors, Inc. and line item pricing for the Paving Repair Program. There were no public comments.
2. On a motion made by Alderman Wilson and seconded by Alderwoman Kuzemchak the Board approved 5-0 to piggyback Frederick County Agreement 20-138 and issue a purchase order in the amount of \$99,850 for security services provided by Metropolitan Protective Services, Inc. There were no public comments.
3. On a motion made by Alderman Russell and seconded by Alderman Wilson the Board approved 5-0 a Memorandum of Understanding with the Fraternal Order of Police, Francis Scott Key Lodge #91 concerning hazard pay related to COVID-19 response with the following revision:

Section (6) (A) is revised to read: “11:9 p.m. on December 20, 2020”.

There were no public comments.

4. Revisions to outdoor dining ordinances
 - a. On a motion made by Alderwoman Kuzemchak and seconded by Alderman Russell the Board approved 5-0 Ordinance G-20-22 concerning temporary outdoor dining on public property with the following revision:

Any sections that read “the earlier of October 31, 2021 or the day the Governor of Maryland rescinds the current state of emergency” are revised to read “the earlier of October 31, 2021 or 30 days after the day the Governor of Maryland rescinds the current state of emergency.”
 - b. On a motion made by Alderwoman Kuzemchak and seconded by Alderman Russell the Board approved 5-0 Ordinance G-20-23 concerning temporary outdoor dining on private property with the following revision:

Any sections that read “the earlier of October 31, 2021 or the day the Governor of Maryland rescinds the current state of emergency” are revised to read “the earlier of October 31, 2021 or 30 days after the day the Governor of Maryland rescinds the current state of emergency.”
 - c. On a motion made by Alderwoman Kuzemchak and seconded by Alderman Russell the Board approved 5-0 Ordinance G-20-24 to amend Ordinance g-20-18 concerning temporary expansion of mobile food unit operations with the following revision:

Any sections that read “the earlier of October 31, 2021 or the day the Governor of Maryland rescinds the current state of emergency” are revised to read “the

earlier of October 31, 2021 or 30 days after the day the Governor of Maryland rescinds the current state of emergency.”

Public comments were received.

- XII. On a motion made by Alderwoman Kuzemchak and seconded by Alderman MacShane the Board approved 5-0 the appointment of Steve Jakubczyk to Neighborhood Advisory Council 11 Coordinator for a two-year term of October 16, 2020 to October 15, 2022.

On a motion made by Alderman MacShane and seconded by Alderman Shackelford the Board approved 5-0 the appointment of Marjorie Rosensweig to Neighborhood Advisory Council 11 Coordinator for a two-year term of October 16, 2020 to October 15, 2022.

- XIII. During Aldermanic comments and new business, Alderman Russell commented on the grand opening of Thatcher and Rye, a new restaurant opened by Brian Voltaggio.

Alderwoman Kuzemchak noted she misses seeing her colleagues and the public in person but appreciates the times the Board can be together and continue to smile. She expressed appreciation to her colleagues for their service and to City staff, noting staff has gone above and beyond during this difficult time in serving residents every day.

Alderman Shackelford reminded everyone to take care of each other.

Alderman Wilson thanked his colleagues and echoed Alderman Shackelford’s comment.

- XIV. Mayor O’Connor, in response to multiple public inquiries, stated the City does not sponsor or make recommendations regarding Halloween activities. These are decisions families must make for themselves. He reminded everyone that the pandemic is still with us and some traditional Halloween activities can be high risk. The Mayor went on to note the retirement at the end of the month of Acting Police Chief Patrick Grossman. He also noted longtime employees Angie Brown will be retiring after many years of service in the Human Resources and DPW Projects Departments.

- XV. There were no committee reports.

- XVI. There were no director reports.

- XVII. There were no public comments.

There being no further official business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:59 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Phyllis Hane
Legislative Clerk